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Looking at the committee statement, Department of Roads did not come in and testify for or against this bill. It was a bill heard last year, and I think it needs to be done. It's becoming more of an occurrence or more of a problem, and this bill strikes some language. It does solve that problem, so I encourage adoption of AM2495. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Further discussion on the Wehrbein amendment? There are no lights on. Senator Wehrbein, I'll recognize you to close. Senator Wehrbein waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM2495 be adopted to LB 853? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is the Wehrbein amendment, AM2495, which amends LB 853. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Wehrbein amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment by Senator Heidemann. (FA522, Legislative Journal pages 836-837.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Heidemann, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 853.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Senator Cudaback, fellow members, I offer to you this amendment. It is actually LB 958, which was in Transportation Committee. There was no opposition to this bill. It came out with no opposition, with everybody voting in favor. What this would accomplish, during harvest time, farmers, people who are transporting grain, are allowed to be 15 percent over. When the bill was wrote up, 60-6,294, they excluded single-axle trucks. We never quite understood why that was wrote up that way. We talked to Senator Baker and we couldn't quite understand why it was, and he couldn't really, either. So we offered LB 958. It did come out of committee. With the committee amendment they changed some language, but pretty much all it's going to allow is a single-axle truck to be that 15 percent over during harvest time, almost considered, maybe,